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From Oklahoma

I thought that our many friends and acquaintances would like to hear from this country, and know whether we still live or not. Well, we still live, but this year has been a record breaker in Oklahoma as well as elsewhere, for storms, disasters, and wrecks. This has been the latest, coldest, and most backward spring that has ever been experienced here; farmers have had so much trouble in getting their crops to come up, some planting cotton as often as the third time, and at that some did not get a very good stand. After all of our set backs and lateness of the spring the prospects were bright for good crops up to the night of the 21st of June, at 10 o'clock, we had a very bad electric storm with much wind, rain, and hail, blowing down the corn and beating and breaking down the cotton. Just two miles east of us, and also one mile west, a cyclone swept through the country destroying everything in its path, blowing away houses, barns, wagons, buggies, and crops.

Mr. John R. Butler's house and contents were all blown away, also Mr. William Taylor's house was blown off its foundation, wrecking the same considerably; breaking out window lights and doing much damage to household goods. So you see the people of the south west have suffered much damage from the loss of property and crops. We have many disadvantages as well as advantages; we have the storms, cyclones, drouths, hot winds, green bugs, and boll weevil to contend with, but I believe our greatest enemy that we have to fight with is the green bug that has destroyed the wheat and oats crop generally, and the boll weevil that infests the cotton field and destroys the cotton. The worst of all are the saloons that destroy the body and soul of man. The saloons are here just plenty of them, and I think they have come to stay. Would to God that we could do something to get them out of our midst. Well I believe I have said the worst about Oklahoma, now I will say something about the advantages of this beautiful country.

The land is rich and fertile, and anything will grow here that you plant when we dont have these plagues to contend with. It is lovely to look over the beautiful fields with the growing crops in summer, and in fall to look over the broad acres of snowy white cotton. It is just lovely to behold and makes one feel glad they are living; but on the other hand when these big storms come and destroy all, we become discouraged and feel like getting up and leaving the country to seek refuge in some other clime. Although this is a nice country to live in when every thing goes well, I never have liked it, and never will. I love the dear old West Virginia hills the best of all. My mind and thoughts often go back to happy days that I have spent there beneath those lovely shade trees, and drank the water from those pure cold springs that flow from the mountain sides. Who wouldn't yearn for such a country, the home of our youthful days? This country is all right for the man who was raised in the western countries, but it dont suit the man from the mountains. Though crops were fine here last year and everything raised in abundance, thousands of pounds of cotton raised, and much cotton that never was picked at all on account of the scarcity of pickers, I fear it will be quite different this year. For fear of worrying the kind Editor with my long letter, I will close with good wishes to all.

Mrs. H. A. CLECK, Walter, Comanche co, Oklahoma.

Where Content Was Not. A man that had health, riches and several houses beautifully furnished, often moved about with his family from one dwelling to another. When a friend asked him why he took the trouble to move so often he replied: "In order to find content in some of them." But his friend knowing him well told him if he would find content in any of his houses he must leave himself behind.

Obituary Tribute

It becomes our sad duty to announce the very unexpected decease of Mrs. Mary Ann Hamilton Kincaid, wife of Mr. Anthony B. Kincaid of our town that occurred at nine o'clock, p. m. July 2, 1907. Mrs. Kincaid was a daughter of Mr. George and Mrs. Julia, (nee Roger) Brown, of Brownstown, Greenbrier county, West Virginia, thus being a member of highly respected Greenbrier families. She was born June 29th, 1848, and was fifty-nine years and three days old at the time of her lamented death. Her marriage occurred December 2, 1868. On the Sunday after her marriage she was received into the communion of the Presbyterian church at Falling Spring, along with her two sisters, by the late eminent Rev. James C. Leps.

For the past eight years her home has been in Marlinton and such has been her social and christian deportment that by common consent it is believed a better christian and neighbor would be hard to find. Hence it is, though her death was sudden, all who knew her best are assured that it was safe. Within an hour of her decease she seemed well as usual, apparently recovered from an illness of a few days previously. At the time she fell she was alone with her five year old granddaughter. The child impressed with the thought something was wrong ran crying to a near neighbor, Mrs. Reila Yeager, who responded and had Mr. Kincaid and a physician summoned. It was soon found that she was dead and heart failure was thought to be the cause, as she had been a sufferer from heart disease for several years. Thursday morning July 4th, after services at the residence conducted by her pastor, the remains were borne to her old home in Greenbrier, and there with loved ones already gone before she rests until the morning breaks up the golden shore.

Mrs. Kincaid is survived by her husband, Mr. A. B. Kincaid, and four children: Mrs. Ethel B. Beard, Hot Springs, Virginia, Harvey C. Kincaid, Durbin; Charles D. and J. Rex Kincaid of Marlinton.

The writer of this tribute would honor her memory as one of his special christian friends.

W. T. PRICE.

County court finished its duties Monday afternoon, and adjourned until the 30th of this month, when they will proceed to lay the levy. Court was in continuous session for nearly a week and the affairs of the county were put in the best of order. The work was arduous and a great deal of it fell upon the willing shoulders of the State's Attorney, F. R. Hill. Our county courts have been models of conservatism in safe guarding the people and the present board of commissioners is no exception. All accounts are paid strictly on the terms and conditions prescribed by law, whether it suits the claimant or not; and this is more than often the cause of the unjust criticism one occasionally hears. Owing to the unsettled conditions of the tax law advantage could not be taken of the marvelous increase in taxable property and in the past few years only sufficient money could be raised to carry on the affairs of the county and there was nothing to expend upon needed permanent improvements. This year thirteen thousand dollars will be expended upon bridges across the Greenbrier at Cass, Sitlington and Clover Lick. In the main this will benefit Greenbank District, but as this district is the heaviest tax payer it is nothing but right that she should have her allotment first. The other districts can hope for good roads and bridges in future levies, but not all in the same one. The present levy will raise nearly forty thousand dollars. The amount in excess of what is needed to carry the county over is about equal to the excessive court house levy of blessed memory. So rich, however has the county become that the additional levy will hardly be felt. Last year Edray district alone spent more than this for school buildings. We cannot hope for modern high ways and other necessary conveniences, which have been neglected for a half century, all in one year but we believe conditions and public sentiment are so shaping themselves that in the next few years a commencement will be made.

Buckeye

Wheat harvest has begun and the good old summer time is here. George W. McKeever is out again after a very severe spell of sickness.

Rev. Hogsett preached a very able sermon to the people here Sunday.

There was quite a general turnout from the surrounding country to the 4th at Marlinton.

Lee Overholt has returned from Charleston where he has been attending United States court.

We are pleased to know that Edward Ray, a good farmer has purchased a nice farm here and contemplates building in the near future. J. Edgar Auldridge is the contractor for the new building. Snedden Kellison has returned from the Hinton Hospital considerably improved in health.

There is quite an interest among our young people in regard to the Sunday School which adds much to our town.

The festival at Bethel was a success. About forty dollars being raised for missions and other benevolences.

Hunter Lightner has purchased a pair of fine Hamiltonians and expects to take them to the Alder son Fair.

A fishing party composed of quite a number of our young people were on the Greenbrier for a few days this week, and on their return report a catch of about one thousand fish of which some monster large ones were captured. The party consisted of J. C. Duncan and family, John Weiford and family, A. W. McNeil and family, Misses Gertrude and Nellie Lightner; Park McNeil, George Lightner, Daton Beverage, Jay Buckley, Ruby McNeil, Addison Penney and George Lightner has the credit of the largest fish and the most in number.

George W. Miller has bought property in Texas county, Missouri and will move his family there in a short time.

The new road leading from Swago to Beaver Dam now being built is under good headway.

Homer McNeil and John Hefner will move to the state of Missouri this fall.

Mrs. C. C. Silva has been very ill for some time.

Charley Dille, while training his Hamiltonian saddle nag was thrown and jarred considerably but not seriously.

Emery Miller has gone to the Hinton Hospital for treatment.

George Kellison and Jud Cole, employees of the Warn Lumber Company has gone to Jamestown on a vacation and to see the sights.

Miss Lizzie Rogers has closed her second school and is at home. She will attend the Lewisburg school this fall.

Ira Hannah, depot agent at Sitlington was down Sunday to see his mother in law, Mrs. C. C. Silva, who is very sick.

Clark Kellison has gone to Charleston to serve as a petit juror in the United States court.

Jake Webster while trying to locate a chicken thief came across a very fine large coon with a large chicken beside it. Both being dead, it is supposed that the tug of war with the fowl caused the death of the chicken thief.

Lobelia

The weather is quite warm at present.

Mr. Snedegar and wife were visiting at N. E. Walton's Sunday.

The boys of this vicinity celebrated the 4th with an all day game of football which was enjoyed by all present.

Wheeler Boblett is home from Warns camp.

L. C. McCoy is at Marlinton Hospital for treatment.

D. L. Hill has returned from a trip to Hinton.

M. P. Henry is driving a team for the Gordon Lumber Company.

W. B. Hill is clearing ground for a city for the O. R. B. and Lumber Company.

J. O. Hill and wife spent one day at Academy last week.

W. W. Kennison's Traction engine is in the mud on Droop mountain.

Roy Henry has returned to Charleston after spending several days with his mother.

Frank Young returned home from Marlinton and vicinity where he has been visiting his old home and friends and sweethearts.

Hays Bros. are hauling lumber for J. W. Sheets.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ESTIMATE

An estimate of the amount necessary to be levied in Pocahontas County for the year 1907, after deducting the money in the County Treasury applicable to the service of the year, to cover all county debts and liabilities payable during the year, showing the several heads of expenditure with the amount estimated as necessary under each head.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes County Claims (\$6,778.67), Jury Claims (1,390.00), Bridges (18,700.00), Jailers Fees (2,000.00), Inquests (20.00), Road Estimate (9,000.00), Election Expenses (813.00), Justices Claim (810.75), Bounty or Bear & Wild Cat (128.00), Scapls (22.47), West Virginia Reform School (230.78), Small Pox Claims (458.53), Poor Claims (4,000.00), Depositum or Contingent Fund (38,777.20), Total (48,777.20).

Opportunity will be given all parties in interest to appear before the Court on the 30th day of July, 1907, to state their objection to any part of said estimate of expenditure and at which time the levy will be made.

JOHN LIGON, President County Court

The few races here the Fourth so stirred the sporting blood of stock raisers and dealers and other admirers of horse flesh that an effort is on foot to establish a race track at Marlinton. There is none of us so dead in the shell that a good race does not stir our pulse but of late generations this king of sports has fallen into disrepute on account of gambling and the disreputable following of the races. To quiet any misapprehension or prejudice, we will say in outset that in this state there are stringent laws in regard to gambling at race tracks, and should it be possible to establish a course here the association will see that the laws are strictly enforced. There are a number of suitable sites for a track if they can be secured. If it is possible to get one of these, a thousand dollars would be sufficient to build the track, erect fences, stands, etc. In the middle of the course could be had a base ball diamond and athletic field. We hope the matter will not be allowed to drag. One of our main items of wealth is horses, and the day is past when a horse is a horse, and one horse will command approximately the same price as another. There is always a sale for a good horse, where an ordinary plug cannot be given away. A race track will do more to improve our stock and bring buyers than any one thing. Then too the interest of the town must be taken into consideration. This is the central and natural trading point of the richest county in the State, but to get more people to come here we must hold out inducements and then do everything in our power to let the people know of us. A good clean horse race will bring the crowd, and as people have a habit of leaving a few dollars whenever they go, we will get the material benefit.

The members of the three contesting companies were given a supper at the Temporary Court House Saturday night by Hose Company No. 2, the winners of the \$50 prize in the hose race the Fourth. The best of everything, especially fellowship was there, and the fifty or more stalwart young men, who compose the active member of the fire department enjoyed the occasion to the limit. Chief Willis was toast master and responses were made by most of the guests. Especially good were the speeches of R. A. Kramer, Dr. Yeager, Dr. McClintic, J. L. Wallace, Senator McNeil, and B. S. Wallace. As has ever been the case in athletic contests in this town, every one got a fair lead in the race, and instead of causing hard feelings between the contestants they were brought together, and know and respect each other. Arrangements were made to have another race between the companies on Labor Day, the first Monday in September, and this promises to be even more hotly contested than the former one. The town is to be congratulated not only the personal of its fire department but especially upon the interest manifested, the friendly rivalry and thorough understanding and good nature which exists among the members.

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The above is a clipping from the Official Gazette, published by the Adams Express Company, and scuds a death knell to the whiskey traffic in this Valley. This order went into effect the first of July, and since then no C. O. D. packages have been received here. On the last day of June we are told that more than five hundred packages were put on the train for the Greenbrier Division.

The C. O. D. business had become an unmitigated curse in this valley. The legislature put a stop to shipments within the State, and Judge Dayton, of the District Bench, shut off the interstate business by holding that a sale took place where the goods were delivered and money exchanged. He was overruled, and the flood of the C. O. D. packages broke loose again. We had no local control of our affairs so far as the liquor was concerned, and were given a fair idea of what Federal control and the abolishment of States rights would mean. What has constrained the Express Company to action we do not know. For a long time the Southern Express had refused to handle this business and we are glad to note that the Adams has followed. Persons unacquainted with the actual conditions here can hardly realize what this order means to us. It would seem that if a person desired drink, that they would send money and have it come prepaid, but during the short time the C. O. D. business was abated, the shipments amounted to less than one tenth of the usual number.

We have a partial canvass of the merchants of the town who did not close their doors on the glorious Fourth, and they to a man report a phenomenal day's trade. All say that it would have been larger had they had facilities for serving it. It was in every case four times the ordinary day's business. And that too on what has generally been considered the duller day in the year. While the next Fourth is still a good ways in the future a note should be taken of the fact that we must have a bigger and better day next year, and the business men who have profited by the occasion should lift the burden from the shoulders of the Fire Department which is over a hundred dollars to be had on account of the expenses of the day. Let us say here that it was not on account of bad calculating that caused the deficit. Preparations had been made for a play, which would have netted a sum sufficient for all purposes, but this was called off at the last minute by failure to get a suitable hall. The day was a success in every particular. No one has expressed himself as dissatisfied and all are enthusiastic in their praise of the entertainment afforded and the good order kept. If pressure is brought to bear upon the railroad in time to give us extra trains, we can be assured of as big or bigger crowd next year.

Society's Latest Pet Dog. The Japanese spaniel, or sleeve-dog of Japan, is one of the long-coated varieties which is much admired. They have been hard to acclimatize, and many discouragements have been met with in their introduction. They set large heads, with big, dark eyes set well apart and very full. Their little tails curl up over their backs like feather dusters. One pound is the true sleeve-dog weight. - Suburban Life.

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